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SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT LETTER TO CONGRESSMAN MC CLOSKEY

REF: PAO TEL AVIV-ICA TELECOM OF MAY 14

FOLLOWING, AS REQUESTED, IS TEXT OF DEPARTMENT'S MAY 5
LETTER TO REPRESENTATIVE PAUL N. MC CLOSKEY:

BEGIN QUOTE: DEAR MR. MC CLOSKEY:

THIS IS IN REPLY TO YOUR LETTERS OF MARCH 22 AND APRIL 10
TO THE PRESIDENT, OF APRIL 17 TO THE ASSISTANT TO THE
PRESIDENT FOR NATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS, AND OF APRIL 20 TO
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THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

THE GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL HAS CONFIRMED TO US THAT IT USED
CLUSTER BOMB UNITS (CBUS) DURING THE MILITARY OPERATION IN
SOUTHERN LEBANON, A USE CONTRARY TO PREVIOUS ASSURANCES
GIVEN TO US. AT PRESENT THERE ARE NO OUTSTANDING PRIOR OR
CURRENT ORDERS REQUIRING DELIVERY OF CBUS TO ISRAEL.

THE UNITED STATES REQUESTED, AND HAS RECEIVED, A REAFFIRMATION OF ISRAEL'S ACCEPTANCE OF STIPULATIONS AND CONDITIONS ON THE USE OF CBUS. THIS REAFFIRMATION IS IN THE FORM OF A

CLASSIFIED AGREEMENT CONCLUDED BY AN EXCHANGE OF NOTES DATED APRIL 10 AND APRIL 11, 1978 AND WHICH HAS BEEN TRANSMITTED TO THE CHAIRMEN OF THE HOUSE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE AND THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE PURSUANT TO 1 U.S.C. 112B. WE HAVE ALSO EXPRESSED OUR STRONG CONCERN TO ISRAEL THAT EFFECTIVE PROCEDURES BE INSTITUTED TO ENSURE THAT THE ASSURANCES GIVEN THE UNITED STATES ARE KNOWN AND EFFECTIVE IN THE CONTEXT OF ISRAELI DECISION-MAKING.

MINISTER OF DEFENSE WEIZMAN HAS STATED PUBLICLY THAT HE WAS NOT AWARE OF ISRAEL'S COMMITMENT TO THE UNITED STATES REGARDING THE USE OF CBUS; THAT HAD HE KNOWN IT, HE WOULD HAVE APPROACHED THE MATTER DIFFERENTLY; AND THAT "ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE TO PREVENT SUCH INCIDENTS IN THE FUTURE."

WITH REGARD TO ETHIOPIA, THE ISRAELIS HAVE ASSURED US THAT THEY HAVE NOT PROVIDED ANY U.S.-SUPPLIED MILITARY EQUIPMENT TO ETHIOPIA AND WE HAVE NO EVIDENCE TO THE CONTRARY.

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WE APPRECIATE YOUR INFORMING US OF POSSIBLE CONGRESSIONAL ACTION ON THE ISSUE OF CBUS AND WILL BE PREPARED TO COMMENT WHENEVER SUCH LEGISLATION IS SUBMITTED.

THE DEPARTMENTS OF STATE AND DEFENSE SHARE YOUR CONCERN ABOUT THIS ISSUE. WE CAN ASSURE YOU THAT WE WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ENSURE THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL INSTITUTES MEASURES THAT WILL PROVE EFFECTIVE IN GUARDING AGAINST THE MISUSE OF THIS WEAPON IN THE FUTURE.

SINCERELY,

DOUGLAS J. BENNET, JR.
ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR CONGRESSIONAL RELATIONS.

THE HONORABLE PAUL N. MC CLOSKEY, JR.
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.
END QUOTE. VANCE

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